

IDEAS.

Review of Reviews—Hash.

A woman, or a man either, without sentiment is a misfit.

While you are looking for weeds in your neighbor's field tares are growing in your own patch.

Perhaps the most valuable of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.—HUXLEY.

TAKE NOTICE.

The Winter Term of Berea College closed Wednesday, March 5. The Spring Term opens Wednesday, Mar. 12. Special classes will be formed for preparing students for teachers' examinations.

FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

The Pope of Rome, on Monday 3rd inst., celebrated the 24th anniversary of his coronation.

The United States Minister, John A. Leishman, has presented a note to the Turkish Government regarding the capture of Miss Ellen Stone by brigands, demanding the punishment of the guilty parties. The Government, in replying, repudiates responsibility and denies all liability.

IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Three hundred bills, calling for an appropriation of \$35,000,000 for public buildings, have been introduced into Congress.

Three federal jails will be erected at a cost of \$40,000 each; one at Muskogee, one at South McAlester, and the other at Ardmore, I. T.

The storm of Friday evening did much damage to telegraph and telephone wires in Cincinnati and suburbs. The wind for a short time blew at the rate of 53 miles an hour.

The Southeastern Gulf States were seriously damaged by a storm last Thursday night. The damage was widespread, reaching from Alabama to Georgia, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Florida.

News comes from Telluride, Col., of a snow slide at Liberty Bell Mine, on Smuggler Mountain, last Friday in which upwards of 50 men lost their lives.

A train crew on the Illinois Central Railroad stopped near Fulton, Ky., last Monday, and connected a telephone with the regular telegraph wire running to Chicago, and carried on a conversation with Chief Operator Parsons of the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago. The conversation was carried on over 400 miles of iron wire and every word was distinctly heard by Mr. Parsons in Chicago. A telegraph message was successfully sent over the same wire from Fulton to Chicago at the same time Parsons was conversing with the crew.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

The Shenango Development Company, of Newcastle, Pa., has leased over 8,000 acres of land in Nelson county, and will begin boring for oil in a few days.

Charles Williams, a well-known hunter of the Cumberland Mountains, fell over a fifty-foot cliff near Elkhorn Creek, Friday, and was instantly killed.

The lower house has adopted the Farris Senate "blind tiger" bill. The bill, which goes to the Governor for his approval, makes it unlawful for any person to sell, lend, give, procure for or furnish to another in a local option district any liquor, or to have in his possession any liquor, and any person so offending shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 and imprisoned not less than fifty days. The possession of a United States special stamp tax shall be prima facie evidence of guilt. All shipments of liquor to be paid for C. O. D. into any local option district shall be deemed sales of such liquors at the place where the money is paid or the goods are delivered, the carrier of same to be jointly liable. Any one knowingly furnishing a house or room, wagon or other conveyance for such unlawful sale shall be fined not less than \$80 nor more than \$100. The bill reduces the amount of fines so as to give inferior courts jurisdiction of all local option cases.

EDUCATION FOR THE MOUNTAINS.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Berea has been the scene of a most notable gathering the past week, and one which will deeply affect the future of the mountain region.

At the invitation of the Extension Department of Berea College county superintendents from Eastern Kentucky and Western Virginia have been holding a conference upon the educational conditions, needs, and prospects of the mountain region. Severe storms cut off the Virginia men, and a number from Kentucky, but the attendance stretched from Letcher county to Greenup, and we were favored by the presence also of Mr. John Lake of the State Young Men's Christian Association, and Mr. S. C. Stevens, business manager of the *School Journal*.

President Frost's address of welcome is printed nearly in full, as giving the purpose and spirit of the Conference. There was a banquet at the Ladies' Hall Friday night, with plates for the Berea Faculty and their guests to the number of sixty-five, and very bright toasts. Saturday was given to various parts of the general subject, *How the superintendents can improve the schools*. There was a large and enthusiastic mass-meeting in the Tabernacle at night, with addresses from teachers who are now attending Berea College from most of the counties of eastern Kentucky. The closing session was on Monday morning, with addresses by Profs. Carnahan and Marsh.

A large number of the superintendents were young men with four years of service ahead of them, while the veterans were ably represented by men like Supt. Johnson, of Johnson county, and Literal, of Greenup county.

The chief matter of importance for the mountain region was found to be an increased attendance of pupils. To be secured by a general agitation of the matter among the patrons of the free schools, an earlier beginning in July, and exhibitions and other attractive features in the schools themselves. The resolutions adopted are given in full.

Many words of wisdom noted by THE CITIZEN will be found in our school column on page 2. Prof. Dinsmore, Dean of the Normal Department, was the efficient Chairman, and Supt. Ballard, of Rockcastle, was Secretary.

The closing session of the Conference met Monday morning in the Tabernacle, Prof. J. W. Dinsmore, presiding. Prof. Marsh, who with Prof. Carnahan attended the National Gathering of School Superintendents at Chicago last week, was present and gave an address on some features of the work discussed by the Chicago convention, particularly on "centralization of schools in rural districts." He was followed by Prof. Carnahan in a live talk of ten minutes' duration on "some of the difficulties in mountain school districts." At the close of Prof. Carnahan's remarks President Frost spoke on "Life in the Mountains." The President emphasized the fact that the speech of the mountaineers is really a survival of good, old Shakspearean Anglo-Saxon, and that strong effort enough to be made to keep alive mountain industries, ballads and traditions. The next business was the introduction of resolutions, and the following were submitted and unanimously adopted:

First.—That we, the Superintendents assembled, tender our thanks to the President and Faculty of Berea College and to the citizens of Berea for their hospitality in making our conference and stay in Berea both pleasant and profitable.

Second.—That we approve of the plan undertaken and auspiciously begun by the Extension Department of Berea College, in holding annual conferences with the school officers of this great Southern Mountain region, believing such conferences to be productive of much good to the great common interests of the people.

Third.—That we approve of the plan and aim of Berea College in carrying and extending its influence into the most remote parts of these Southern mountains, thereby promoting their educational advantages.

Fourth.—That we, in conference assembled, pledge ourselves to give our support in helping to extend this great work undertaken by Berea College and call upon the County Superintendents throughout the mountain sections to enter upon a general campaign to increase the attendance at and the efficiency of the public school.

Fifth.—That we believe the most favorable time for conferences of this character to be on or about the 10th of May of each year.

Signed: H. M. Brock, Chairman; J. M. Literal, Geo. M. Johnson, Committee on Resolutions.

The adoption of these resolutions was followed by practical suggestions from each of the superintendents present, Dr. Burgess adding his voice urging that the school stand side by side with the church for the uplifting of the world.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by President Frost.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

This is an hour we have longed to see—and you are the men we have desired to welcome. We wished to bring together a few of the most enterprising and progressive of our county superintendents, and sit down in council over the great work in which you and Berea College are partners—the work of encouraging, guiding, uplifting all the people of the mountain region.

And you are here. Streams did not hinder, home did not detain, distance did not discourage you. We bid you welcome to our College halls, our firesides, and our hearts.

And we are fellow laborers in the great cause of the mountain region. Here are the mountain ends of eight States all bunched together. Here are educational conditions quite different from the conditions which are found elsewhere. Here are over two million people whose great grandfathers were revolutionary soldiers under Washington, people of good capacity, and good character, but people who have been so cut off from communication with the outside world of progress that they have dropped behind in education and in general prosperity. The mountains contain many families of education and wealth—but they contain far too many families in which there is not enough of skill, or thrift, or intelligence, or enterprise. They do not know of the good things which are going forward in other parts of the country; they are not full sharers in the privileges and blessings which ought to belong to all Americans.

And yet the mountains in all parts of the world are the natural home of liberty and patriotic vigor. The mountains are the place above all others to raise—not blue-grass cattle, but race horses nor prize vegetables—but they are the place in which to raise men.

Now, who is to bring forth and develop the talent and the glory of the mountain region? It is we who are here today—the instructors in this great mountain college, and the superintendents of the mountain schools. If we do not stir up the people to a greater interest in education and progress no one else will or can do it. If we do not get up a great educational revival the mountains will sleep on another hundred years while the world moves on and leaves them farther and farther behind. Nay, more, if you and I do not put more skill, more intelligence, more enterprise into the mountain boy he will be unable to hold his place. Foreigners who have the education which our mountain lad is missing will come in and manufacture his lumber, dig his coal, cultivate his land, and push him altogether to one side.

This is the biggest question that is before us. How shall we make the mountain father appreciate education? how shall we make the mountain boy go to school?

The school is designed for all, and needed by all—needed most by the very ones who neglect it. The school is supported by a State fund, so that the richer parts of the State really send money to help out the poorer districts. There is so much money for every child, whether he be rich or poor, white or black—whether he lives in the city of Lexington or on Hell-for-certain creek! This is a trust fund, a sacred fund, for the benefit of the children; and it is the business of you superintendents to see that every child gets his full share of this benefit.

Address of Welcome. Continued on page 2.



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